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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Personal Letter  
from Admiral Arleigh Burke, dated  
15 September 1960 (copy attached)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action on the part of the DCI. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.

2. In his personal letter to you, dated 15 September 1960, Admiral Burke advises you that he has established an OPNAV Unconventional Activities Working Group and requests your favorable consideration of this activity. The letter proposes the establishment of close liaison between the Working Group, OSD(OSO), and appropriate staff members of CIA.

3. It is not clear from the letter as to what is the extent and scope of "unconventional activities under conditions of cold war". Therefore, in drafting a proposed reply for your signature, care has been taken to insure that you do not take a position that might be in conflict with existing Department of Defense procedures.

4. Two years ago, the Secretary of Defense established a Collateral Activities Coordinating Group under the jurisdiction of the Under Secretary of Defense. All of the Services have representation on this Group as well as the JCS, ISA, OSO, and other offices of the Department of Defense. The purpose of the Group is to study ways and means of increasing and improving the contribution of the Department of Defense to the national effort in the cold war. As appropriate, this Group transmits ideas and suggestions to CIA for consideration and possible action, channeling such suggestions

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through the office of OSD(OSO). Therefore, it would seem that ideas and suggestions by the Navy for such things as propaganda themes should be channeled by the Navy through the [redacted]

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5. On the other hand, there are matters on which direct and close liaison with the OPNAV Unconventional Activities Working Group, under the auspices of OSD(OSO), can be most helpful to CIA. A specific illustration of such matters would be advice and guidance from the Navy in the selection of proper maritime craft for various uses, arrangements for suitable training programs, etc.

6. The proposed reply to Admiral Burke's letter has therefore been worded in such a way to express the sincere desire of the Agency to support this new activity and at the same time to propose an initial meeting between representatives of the Navy, OSD(OSO), and CIA in order to try to more exactly define and delimit the meaning of unconventional activities.

7. It is recommended that the DCI sign the attached personal letter to Admiral Burke in reply to his letter of 15 September 1960.

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2 Attachments  
As Stated

cc: DDCI

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Proposed Reply to Personal Letter from Adm. Arleigh Burke, dated 15 Sept. 1960

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cc: C /

Admiral Harry D. Felt  
Commander in Chief, Pacific  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Admiral Felt:

You and I had an exchange of correspondence early this year regarding a brief "think piece" which I sent you pertaining to "the missile gap." In your letter of 29 January you expressed an interest in having the writer of the article, Mr. [redacted] pay you a visit should he be in your area, and I advised that he might be coming your way this fall.

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Mr. [redacted] plans for such a trip are now taking shape, and he would very much like to visit you. His tentative schedule includes a stop in Honolulu about 29 November. Would this be a convenient time for him to contact you?

With best regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED *Learie*

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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14 September 1960

Dear Allen:

Thank you for your letter of 1 September regarding the matter of Cuban refugees and the possible exfiltration of particular individuals.

I shall be delighted, of course, to furnish you any and all information which we now have or might obtain in the future concerning yachtsmen and fishermen having craft suitable for sailing to and from the island. Information on Cuban defectors and refugees will also be passed to you as soon as available.

As a point of contact, may I suggest that your staff consult with Commander F. E. Day, Jr. of the Office of Naval Intelligence (Op-922H4). Commander Day and the other personnel in his office maintain daily liaison with those members of your agency concerned with matters similar to those outlined above.

Sincerely,

ARLEIGH BURKE

The Honorable  
Allen Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence  
Washington 25, D.C.

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ACTION	DIRECT REPLY	PREPARE REPLY	
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Remarks:

Per telephone conversation with your office  
Admiral Burke's note being returned for  
files. No reply necessary.

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